

Remarks

The restriction/election of species requirement mailed April 10, 2006, has been reviewed and carefully considered. New claims 30-38 have been added.

Applicants hereby elect group I (claims 1-23 and 26-28) in response to the restriction requirement. The restriction requirement is traversed because the examiner has not shown that there would be a serious burden to include all the inventions in the same application. In particular, there is no explanation why the invention of group I and the invention of group II should be classified separately. The inventions of groups I and III are classified in the same class and subclass, but there is no indication that they have a separate status in the art or that a different field of search would be required (see MPEP 808.02).

With respect to the election of species requirement, the calcium salt of Cbz-(R)-Phe-(S)-Pro-(R)-Mpg-B(OH)₂ ("TRI50c") is hereby elected as the single species (see, e.g., page 31, lines 1-20; and example 33 on pages 76 and 77). Claims 1-8, 10-12, 14-20, 22-23, 26-28, 30, and 33-38 read upon the elected species. Claims 1, 14, 22, and 26 are generic.

Should there be any questions regarding this application, examiner Valenrod is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number shown below.

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